

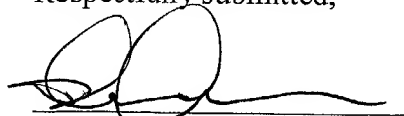
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REMARKS

In view of the above, prompt and favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

Claim 10 (Amended) An armature for a dynamo-electric machine, the armature comprising:

an armature core provided with a plurality of slots extending in an axial direction and disposed alongside each other in a circumferential direction;

an armature winding inserted in the slots so as to be mounted on the armature core; and

an insulator mounted in each of the slots for insulating between the armature core and the armature winding,

wherein the insulator is disposed between an inner face of each slot and the armature winding, and first creases are formed on side portions of each insulator so as to extend in a [longitudinal] lengthwise direction of the slot at a slot-opening [side] end of the side portions, the first creases being formed by first bent parts for [bending] angling the slot-opening [side] ends of the side portions so as to be apart from each other.

Claim 11 (Amended) The armature for a dynamo-electric machine according to Claim 10, wherein second creases are formed on the side portions of each insulator so as to extend in a [longitudinal] lengthwise direction of the slot at a location closer to the slot-opening [side of] end than the first creases, the second creases being formed by second bent parts for [bending] angling the slot-opening [side] ends of the side portions [so as to be close to] toward each other.

Claim 12 (Amended) The armature for a dynamo-electric machine according to Claim 11, wherein the first crease and the second crease of a first side portion of each insulator are formed shifted toward the bottom of the slot with respect to the first crease and the second crease, respectively, of a second side portion of each insulator, whereby the top [sides] ends of the first and second side portions of each insulator, one overlapping the other, enclose an

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opening of each slot in a manner such that the top [side] end of the second side portion is positioned over the top [side] end of the first side portion.

Claim 13 (Amended) The armature for a dynamo-electric machine according to Claim 10, wherein the side portion of each insulator expand in a circumferential direction at the bottom [sides] ends of the side portions of the insulator, thereby coming into close contact with inner faces of the slot toward the bottom thereof.

Claim 14 (Amended) The armature for a dynamo-electric machine according to Claim 10, wherein the armature winding is constituted by at least one winding assembly into which a pair of first and second winding groups is assembled before insertion in the slots, the first winding group comprising a number of first winding sub-portions each having one turn constructed by winding a [stand] strand of wire made of a continuous conductor so as to alternately occupy an inner layer and an outer layer in a slot depth direction within the slots at intervals of a predetermined number of slots, the first winding sub-portions being disposed at a pitch of one slot from each other and being equal in number [of] to the predetermined number of slots, and the second winding group comprising a number of second winding sub-portions each having one turn constructed by winding a [stand] strand of wire made of a continuous conductor so as to alternately occupy an inner layer and an outer layer in a slot depth direction within the slots at intervals of the predetermined number of slots and so as to be inversely wound and offset by an electrical angle of 180 degrees relative to the first winding sub-portions, the second winding sub-portions being disposed at a pitch of one slot from each other and being equal in number of the predetermined number of slots.